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A SENSOR ELEMENT, HAVING A STABILIZED  
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A COMPONENT  
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In response to the Final Office Action of August 25, 2004, kindly amend the above-captioned application without prejudice as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.